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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Emmanuel Coffy

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06-25-2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Response to Amendment

Ex-Parte Quayle

1. This application filed on April 27, 2001 representing a system, and method for "Assisting in Controlling Real-Time Transport Protocol Flow Through Multiple Networks via Screening" is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Priority is denied.

The later-filed application must be an application for a patent for an invention which is also disclosed in the prior application (the parent or original nonprovisional application or provisional application); the disclosure of the invention in the parent application and in the later-filed application must be sufficient to comply with the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. See *Transco Products, Inc. v. Performance Contracting, Inc.*, 38 F.3d 551, 32 USPQ2d 1077 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

On December 11, 2000 Applicant filed a document entitled: "Patent Disclosure for Routing the Initiation of Communication Sessions which contains references cited, a list of the inventors, the name of the assignee and had a total of sixty-seven (67) pages whereas the later filed specification entitled "System and Method for Assisting in Controlling Real-Time Transport Protocol Flow Through Multiple Networks via Screening" followed the recommended format of the MPEP and had a total of 103 pages.

Applicant is invited to ascertain the equivalency of these two documents both in form and substance.

2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.109 and MPEP 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination the claimed limitations of a "system, and method for a database server configured to store at least one policy, the at least one policy comprising attributes associated with one or more routes; and a plurality of session routers in communication with the database server and configured to determine a source of a real-time transport protocol route advertisement when it is determined that a real-time transport protocol route advertisement received at a respective session router is from an internet telephony administrative domain managed by another administrative entity than the administrative entity that manages the respective session router, the session router is configured to perform a destination screen of said route advertisement, wherein a destination address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to a destination address, and when it is determined that a real-time transport protocol route advertisement received at a respective session router is the administrative entity that manages the respective session router, the session router is configured to perform an origin screen of said route information, wherein an origin address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to an origin address as in claim 1-19 and a method of screening a real-time transport protocol route advertisement prior to comparing said route advertisement to a policy, comprising the steps of:

receiving a route advertisement describing said route from a first endpoint to a second endpoint at a session router; determining when said route advertisement is received from an Internet telephony administrative domain managed by another administrative

entity than the administrative entity that manages the session router; when said route advertisement is from an Internet telephony administrative domain managed by another administrative entity performing a destination screen of said route advertisement, wherein a destination address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to a destination address defined by said destination screen; and when said route advertisement is from the administrative entity that manages the session router performing an origin screen of said route advertisement, wherein an origin address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to origin address defined by said origin screen as in claims 20-36 and 37-53.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

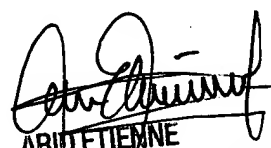
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Coffy whose telephone number is (571) 272-3997. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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